

**GENERAL PLAN UPDATE** 

#### **Community Participation**

City Council Planning Commission Meeting

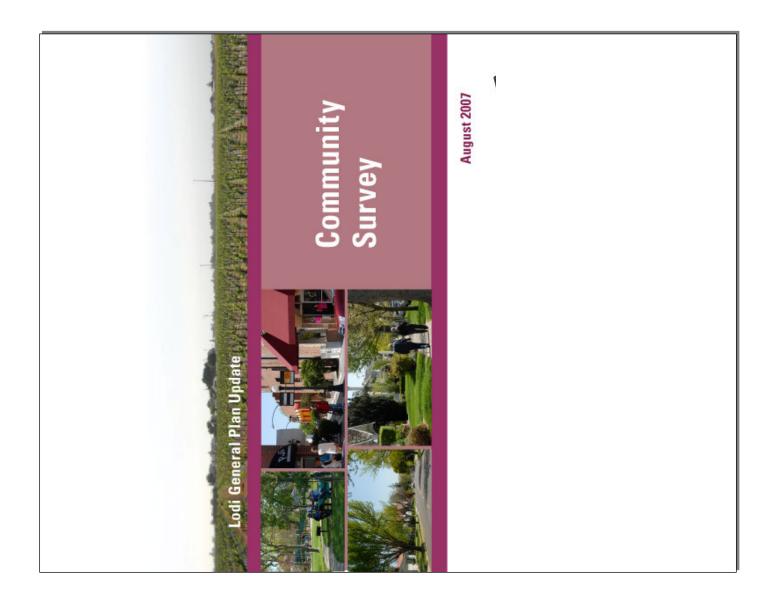
# Community Participation Phase 1:

- Community Survey
- Community Workshop
- Stakeholder Meetings

#### Still to come:

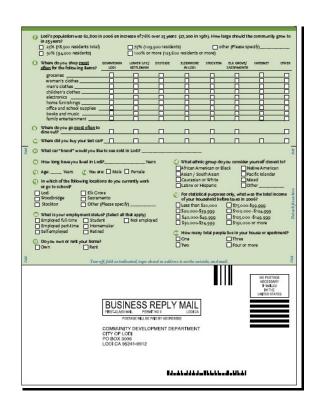
- Community Workshops
- Neighborhood Forums
- City Council and Planning Commission Meetings/Workshops
- Newsletters

Website http://www.lodi.gov/



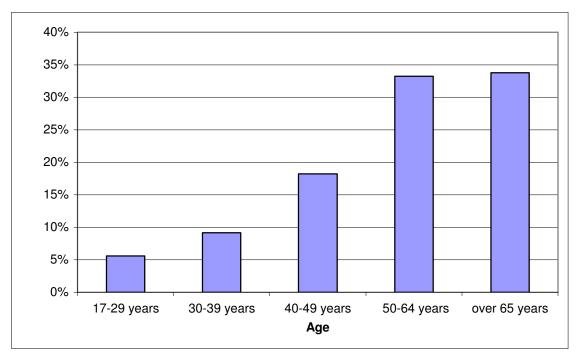
#### **Community Survey**

- Sent to all households in the City's 19,070-household database
- Postage pre-paid
- Received 877 completed surveys
  - 841 in English
  - 36 in Spanish

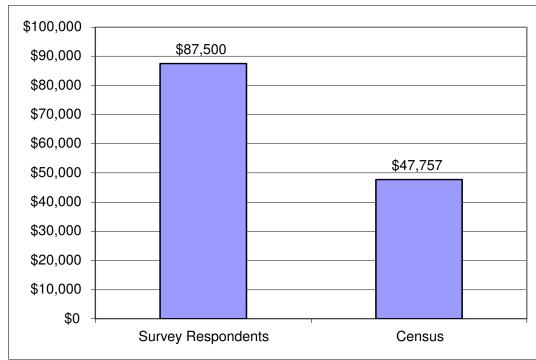


# Demographic Representation and Other Potential Biases

- In general, the following groups were overrepresented among survey respondents:
  - Retirees and older adults
  - Homeowners
  - White residents
  - Residents with higher household incomes than the city population
- Self-selection bias

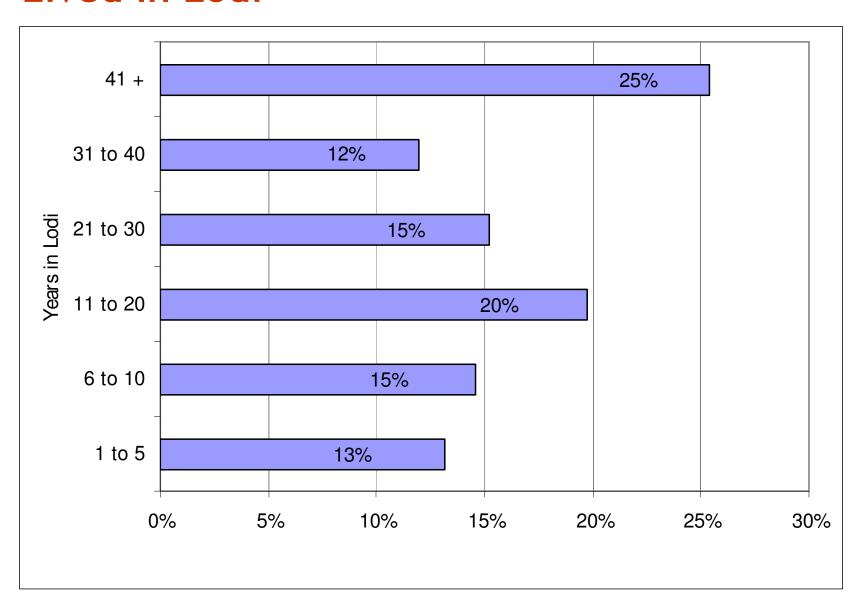


#### Age

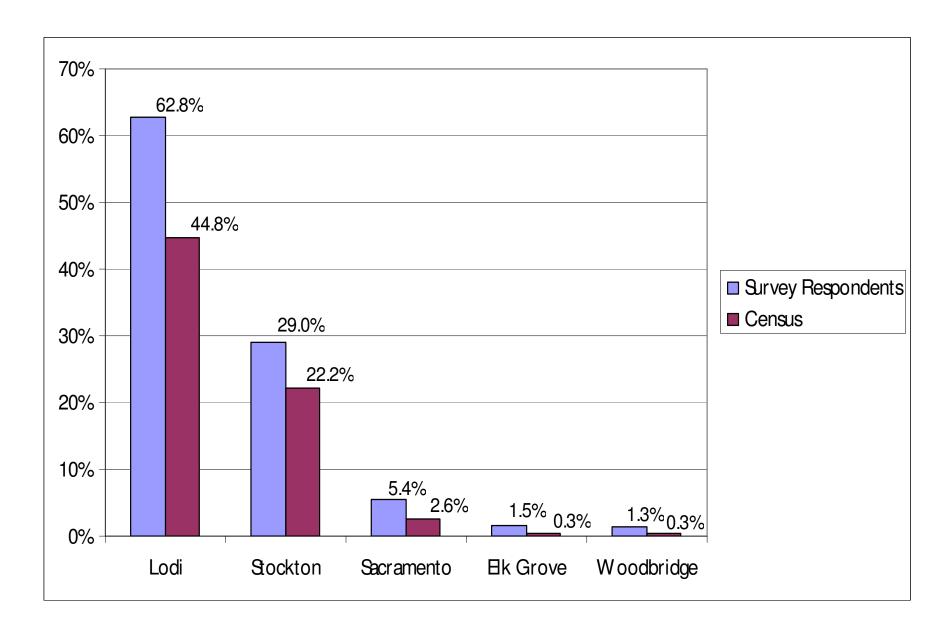


#### Household Income

## Number of Years Survey Respondents Have Lived in Lodi



#### **Work/School Location**



#### Methodology

- All responses entered into a database and analyzed
- Demographic data compared with Census
- Cross-tabulations (results from subgroups) were run when there was less than 60% support
- Ranked questions were weighted

# Question #1:What do you like most about living in Lodi?

- Over half said they most liked Lodi's "small-town feel"
- Others commented on the:
  - Strength of the Lodi community
  - Warmth of residents
  - Family-oriented nature of the city

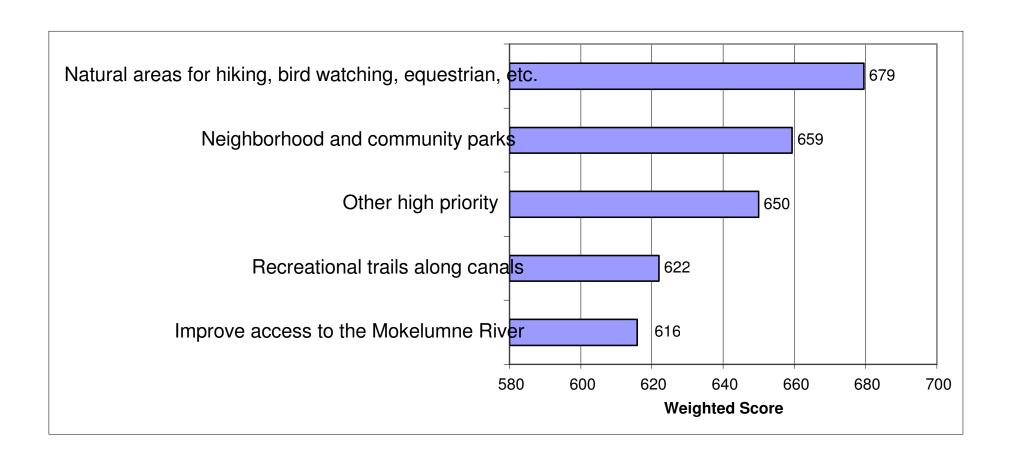
# Question #2: Looking ahead, what is the most important thing that should be done to improve Lodi?

- Keep Lodi small
- Plan smartly for growth
- Create greenbelt/community separator
- Concern about rising criminal activity
- Pro and anti-Walmart sentiment

#### Question #3: Planning for the future—the next 20 years Top Opportunities the City Should Pursue:

- 1. Maintain Lodi's small-town feel
- 2. Encourage visitors/tourists
- 3. Promote more entertainment opportunities
- 4. Encourage more retail and restaurants in downtown
- 5. Provide more pedestrian connections and build better sidewalks
- 12. Encourage more retail centers and stores

# Question #4: Which types of new open-spaces, natural areas, and recreation facilities are needed in and around Lodi?

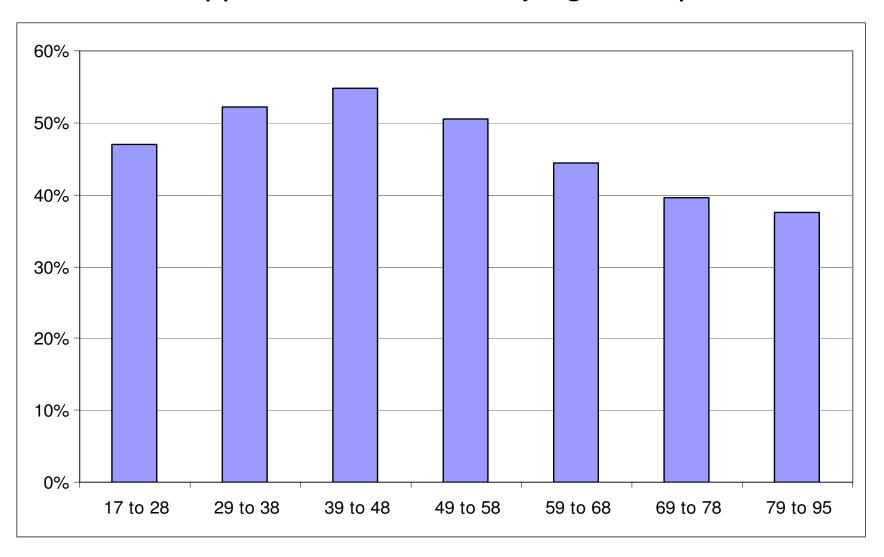


# Question #5: Should there be an agriculture/open-space/community-separator around Lodi? If so, how should this be developed?

	W eighted Score
Land between Lodi and Stockton should be maintained as an agricultural or open-space community-separator via land use restrictions	141.25
Land around Lodi should be specifically maintained in agricultural use	137.83
The City should ensure that land around Lodi is maintained as agriculture, open space, or a community-separator by purchasing land	75.50
Would you support a <b>parcel tax</b> to pay for the acquisition of land around Lodi for an agricultural or open space community-separator?	-9.04

#### Question #5, continued...

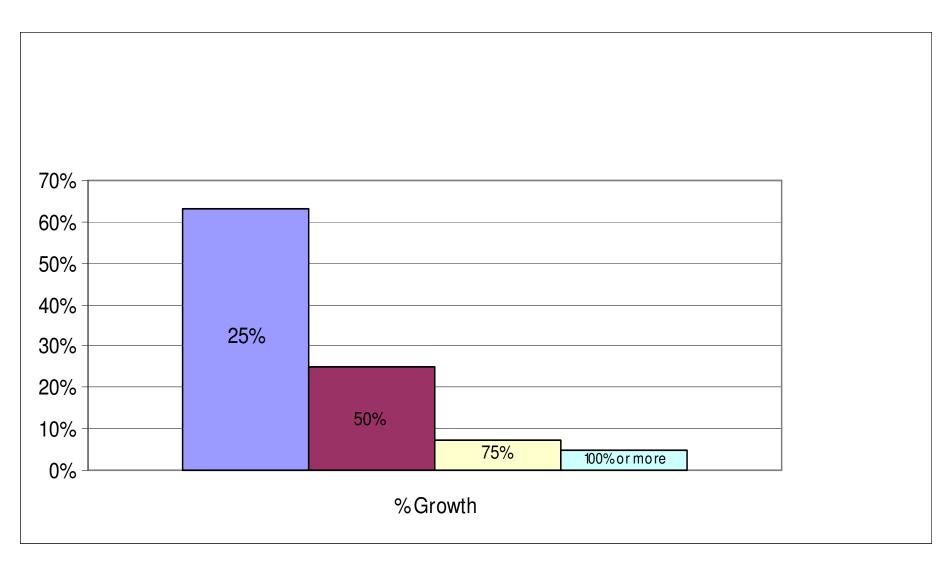
#### Support for Parcel Tax by Age Group



# Question #6: For which types of programs and projects would you support increase in taxes or fees?

	W eighted Score
Police and fire protection	78.25
Maintaining parks and trails	59.33
Building and maintaining parks and recreation facilities	41.53
Library services	38.76
Expanding senior housing options	32.04
Extending public transit and bus services	3.86
Providing more affordable housing	-25.94

# Question #7: How large should Lodi grow to in 25 years?



### Question #8: Where do residents shop most often?

#### Downtown Lodi

- Family entertainment (51.3%)
- Home furnishings (22.3%)

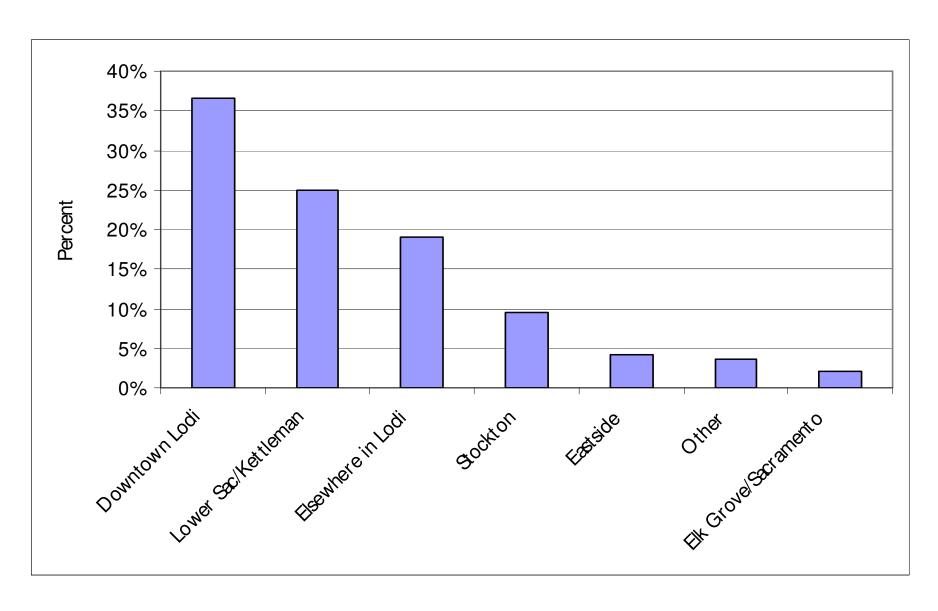
#### Lower Sacramento/Kettleman

- Office and school supplies (77.4%)
- Groceries (69.6%)

#### Stockton

- Electronics (44.0%)
- Books and music (39.3%)
- Home furnishings (29.8%)
- Women's and men's clothing (29.3%, 28.7%)

## Question #9: Where do residents dine out most often?



#### **Summary and Take-away:**

#### Lodi residents want:

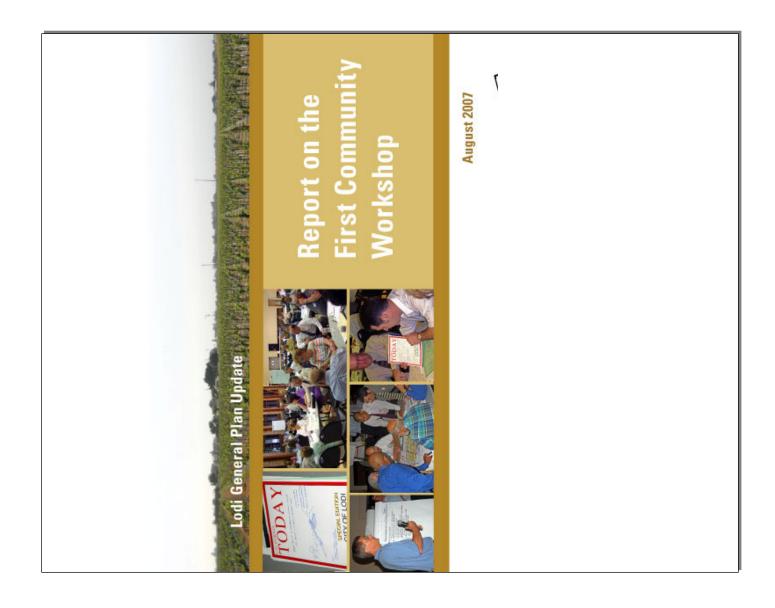
- Planned, compact growth
- Continued downtown revitalization
- Agricultural land/open-space protection
- Preservation of the city's small-town feel



#### Summary and Take-Away continued...

#### Furthermore, Lodi residents:

- Support the development of a greenbelt, although they are unwilling to pay a parcel tax
- See a need for new natural areas for hiking and other activities, parks, and recreational trails
- Most favor future expenditures on:
  - Police and fire protection
  - Park and trail maintenance
  - New park and recreation facilities



#### **Community Workshop**

- June 13, 2007 (Wed) at Hutchins Street Square
- Attended by 40 community members
- ► Lodi 2025 Visioning
- > Issues Dialogue



#### **Visions**

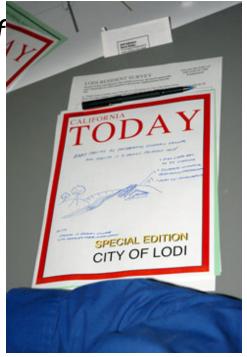
- Community Character and Livability
  - Small-town character, walkable, schools, low-crime, family-friendly:
    - "Still lovable and livable"
    - "No sprawl; well planned use of land"

#### Tourist Destination

- Center of wine-related tourism
- Sports facilities, historical neighborhoods

#### Other Themes:

- Sustainable Development
- Economic Development
- Recreation



#### **Planning Issues**

- Citywide Land Use and Development
  - Maintain agriculture and open space.
     Compact Growth
  - Develop new park and rec. facilities
  - Community character:
    - Preserving character
    - New mixed-use development
  - Growth and development:
    - Need to limit growth?
    - Infill
    - Affordable housing and diversity

#### **Planning Issues**

- Downtown and Neighborhood Development
  - Housing downtown
  - Mixed-use (retail/housing) development
  - More retail/department stores, hotels downtown
- Sustainability and Open Space
  - Ag. preservation
  - Energy conservation
  - More parkland, trails



#### **Planning Issues**

#### Eastside Revitalization

- Clean up
- Community amenities
- Main Street revitalization

#### Transportation

- Expand transit (rail)
- Improve bus system
- Widen streets; bicycle lanes
- Street grid





#### Stakeholder Meetings

- One-on-one or small group meetings with 59 stakeholders representing 30 groups or agencies
- Additional meetings with City Council and Planning Commission

#### **Major Issues**

#### **Growth and Character**

- Preserving small-town feeling, scale, and neighborhood livability
- Maintain:
  - Compact form
  - Walkable neighborhoods
  - Good connections to commercial and recreational nodes

#### Agriculture and Greenbelt/ Community Separator

- Support for agriculture and keeping Lodi and Stockton visually separate
- Greenbelt a hot-button issue: Support from residents, but strong opposition from property owners
- Need for cooperation between various jurisdictions

#### Wine Industry and Tourism

- Support for making Lodi a destination
- More hotels. At least another boutique—downtown or near Hutchins Street Square
- More restaurants, wine-tasting downtown
- Network of trails and bikeways linking wineries, Lodi Lake, and downtown

#### **Continued Downtown Development**

- More stores and amenities
- Wider array of uses—housing (including senior housing), offices, hotels
- Lack of available larger sites seen as impediment by developers

#### **Economic Development**

 Capture sales tax. Costco, Trader Joe's, department store

#### Housing

- Lack of workforce housing—nurses, teachers, young families
- Lack of affordable senior housing. Peripheral locations, away from services

#### Parks, Recreation, and Open Space

- Difference of opinion on larger vs. smaller parks
- Dependence on basin parks
- Changing demographics—cricket field, etc.
- Grape Bowl redevelopment

#### Other Issues

- Transportation: Bikeways, more frequent transit
- Infrastructure: Quality; keep pace with development
- Better urban design, streetscape improvements, walkability, having grid street pattern in new subdivisions
- Historical resources and preservation

#### **Questions and Comments?**



#### **DISCUSSION**

- 1. Where to grow? (North, south, east, west, infill)
- 2. How much to grow? Land use mix/balance. Specific uses to emphasize—economic development
- 3. Downtown—future uses, densities
- 4. Character of development (density, design, parks and open space)
- 5. Greenbelt possibilities/ideas
- Transportation improvements and connections